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GOLD!

The word spread fast from Sutter's Mill and swept across the country. Like a fever, it consumed men from New York to New Orleans... kindling their imaginations with wild stories of streams more gold than water... of nuggets the size of a man's fist... all just waiting to be hauled away.

In a near panic, they uprooted, left homes, jobs, even families, to head for California and the dream of a lifetime.

Yet for many of the "49ers" the dream ended suddenly. Arriving in the West, tired and broke, they found the best claims already staked. And the gold that was—wasn't theirs. Some resorted to theft, blackmail —even murder—to get their "fair share."

For the honest, hard-working man lucky enough to have a grubstake, finding his fortune was no longer the hard part—it was in keeping it.

Wells Fargo & Company

In those dangerous times, Wells Fargo and Company filled the need for reliable transport of gold, cash and other valuable goods.

Guided by the simple business principle that "No client of ours will ever lose a single cent, whether they trusted us with $10 or $10,000," the Wells Fargo name came to mean reliability, honesty, tenacity and a spirit of enterprise. Soon, their stages and couriers were making routine runs into the most remote mining areas of the Sierra Nevadas.

But as their fame spread and their purses increased, so too, did the daring of the holdup men. To protect their cargoes and assure the personal safety of their agents—men like the legendary Wyatt Earp—from desperados and highwaymen, Wells Fargo & Co. turned to another legend of the West...

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The Wells Fargo Colt

Here was no ordinary handgun. The Wells Fargo Colt was a specially modified, short-barrelled .31 caliber repeater—a Model 1849 Pocket Pistol. Designed for inconspicuous use, the handgun was the perfect size for tucking into a greatcoat pocket or a boottop.

It was also a particularly handsome example of the gunsmith's art from the final days of the cap and powder percussion era. Its frame was a color case-hardened blue. The grip was a solid, varnished walnut. And the gun featured a distinctive brass "round-oval" triggerguard. All in all, its clean look and smart lines bespoke of the no-nonsense way it "dispatched business."

Truly, the Wells Fargo Colt was a gun of character. A sure-handed weapon of justice whose place in the legacy of the American West is forever ensured. Regrettably, there are scarce few of these authentic revolvers around these days.

A Unique Collecting Opportunity

Now, however, The Numis Gallery has secured for its patrons a remarkable and completely authentic re-creation of this classic Western sidearm. And it will make the handgun available in the traditional "cased set."

The "Wells Fargo Colt" Cased Set will be crafted to uncompromising standards of accuracy and historical integrity. Every detail of the original weapon—every part and mechanism—and all its accessories will be reproduced by master gunsmiths and dedicated craftsmen.

This magnificent display set will, moreover, be issued in a limited edition of just 5000. Crafting will be carried out solely to individual commission, with the opportunity to commission by exclusive private invitation.

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An authentic replica, precisely detailed and true to its great frontier heritage.

The Legendary

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A Master Replica

The re-creation of the Wells Fargo Colt itself will look, feel and handle precisely as the original. You'll be able to take the famous handgun in hand and feel its heft... thumb back the hammer... hear the distinctive "click" as you rotate the cylinder. And you'll quickly realize the import of the compact, three-inch barrel—how the Wells Fargo courier could elevate the gun to action in one smooth, sure movement.

And no detail has been overlooked. Examine the re-creation closely and you'll see that the trigger and butt stripes have been silver-plated; the initials "W.F. & Co." on the butt and the notation "Address Saml Colt New York City" on the top of the eight-sided barrel, as well as the famous "Stage Holdup Scene" on the cylinder, appear just as in the original.

Such attention to detail has resulted in a memorable display piece. And this is entirely appropriate, for among all of his firearm models, Samuel Colt more often chose the same Model 1849 Pocket Pistol for presentation to friends and government officials. So it is fitting that The Numis Gallery presents not only the re-creation of the handgun itself, but the ultimate presentation treasure—

The Complete "Cased Set"

The "Wells Fargo Colt" Cased Set will include, in addition to the gun replica, a copper powder flask with eagle and shield motif, a polished brass mold with cavities to form round and conical bullets, five lead balls of .31 caliber and a percussion cap tin from Colt's preferred supplier, the firm Eley Brothers, London. And all will be housed in a handsome mahogany case with fine bordeaux-red lining, brass nameplate and key.

Crafting of the entire set will be carried out by the renowned engraving-gunsmith studio of Aldo Uberti of Brescia, Italy, which has long been recognized by serious collectors for its valuable replicas of historic weapons. Each will be hand-assembled in the same manner established by Samuel Colt, over a century and a quarter ago.

The Importance of Your Private Invitation

As mentioned, the "Wells Fargo Colt" Cased Set will be crafted solely to individual commission—to the limit of only 5000. Once that limit has been reached, the edition will be closed.

For your convenience, payment of the "Wells Fargo Colt" Cased Set may be made in installments, which may be charged to your major credit card. In keeping with the tradition of fine works in limited edition, the cased set will be issued in strict sequence, which will be determined by the order of first payment receipt.

The unique edition limit number of each set will be permanently inscribed on both the case nameplate and the handgun replica itself. Each set will also be accompanied by a Document of Authenticity.

A Fascinating Reminder of The Old West

Displayed in your living room, den or office, the "Wells Fargo Colt" Cased Set will have a dramatic impact. It will be studied, admired and enjoyed again and again. And in time, it may become one of your most cherished heirlooms.

However, as there will only be 5000 re-creations available to collectors in the United States, you are urged to consider this exciting opportunity now, and then to mail your Private Invitation Acceptance promptly.

The "Wells Fargo Colt" Cased Set–Model 1849 Pocket Pistol

Copper powder flask with coat of arms of the United States and inscription E Pluribus Unum inscribed on both sides. Nozzle and clasp are of polished brass.

Bullet extractor made from solid, polished brass for molding bullets of .31 caliber.

The authentic re-creation of the 5-chambered, single action revolver, approximately 8 inches in overall length.

Percussion cap tin for the caps made especially for Colts by Eley Brothers, London. These metal lined caps added to the reliability of the handgun.

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